

UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has determined that the proposed Community Crisis Homes (CCH) regulations will affect Adult Residential Facilities (ARF). These regulations will be adopted to implement Senate Bill (SB) 856, Chapter 30, Statutes of 2014 that established CCH as a subcategory of ARF, which requires certification by the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and licensure by CDSS. The CCHs are established to provide 24-hour nonmedical care to individuals with developmental disabilities receiving regional center services and individuals in need of crisis intervention services who would otherwise be at risk of admission to the acute crisis center at Fairview Developmental Center, Sonoma Developmental Center, an acute general hospital, acute psychiatric hospital, an institution for mental disease, or an out-of-state placement.

The CDSS and DDS have crucial roles in the oversight, licensure, and enforcement of regulations for CCH facilities. These regulations include requirements for license applications, fire clearance, the plan of operation, revocation or suspension of a license, staffing structure, qualifications and training, intake admission, the needs and services plan, acceptance and retention limitations, client records, the building and grounds and the use of emergency interventions.

Due to the limited residential options and services currently available for this population of clients, the CCH regulations package shall be processed as emergency regulations with the Office of Administrative Law as authorized by the Legislature in SB 856. This is necessary in order to maintain immediate preservation of public peace and health and safety, as well as the general welfare of the population that will be served by the CCH facilities. It is the intent of CDSS to promulgate these regulations to ensure the needs and services of the client population served by CCHs are met. After conducting a review for any regulations that would relate to this area, CDSS has decided that any regulations concerning CCHs are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations.

These regulations were noticed on October 6, 2017, and no changes were made to the proposed text following the public hearing.